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MUNICH FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: GW, UR

SUBJECT: SOLZHENITSYN: MORE ON HIS EXPULSION

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1. FRG FONOFF SOURCES HAVE TOLD US IN STRICT CONFIDENCE OF SOME FURTHER DETAILS LEARNED FROM SOLZHENITSYN REGARDING HIS EXPULSION FROM THE USSR. HE WAS REPORTEDLY PUT ABOARD THE AEROFLOT PLANE WITHOUT BEING TOLD WHERE HE WAS BEING TAKEN. ONLY WHEN THE PLANE WAS IN FLIGHT WAS HE INFORMED HE WAS HEADED FOR WEST GERMANY. EVEN THEN, HE THOUGHT THAT THE SOVIET SECRET POLICEMEN ACCOMPANYING HIM SIMPLY INTENDED TO TAKE HIM SECRETLY TO THE LOCAL SOVIET EMBASSY AND EVENTUALLY TO DUMP HIM IN THE STREETS OF WEST GERMANY TO FEND FOR  
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HIMSELF. SOLZHENITSYN WAS THEREFORE EXTREMELY EDGY

AND UNHAPPY WHEN HE ARRIVED.

2. DURING THE CAR TRIP FROM FRANKFURT TO THE EIFEL MOUNTAINS, HE WAS KIND AND GENTLE TO HIS COMPANIONS BUT GENERALLY NON-COMMUNICATIVE. HE IS NOW INCOMMUNICADO IN BOELL'S HOUSE, CONSIDERING HIS NEXT STEP. HE IS BEING DELUGED WITH THOUSANDS OF MESSAGES AND OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE WHICH THE FONOFF IS CONVEYING TO HIM ON A DAILY BASIS.

3. SHEDDING A BIT MORE LIGHT ON THE BACKGROUND OF SOLZHENITSYN'S EXPULSION AND FLIGHT TO THE FRG, A WELL CONNECTED SPD BUNDESTAG DEPUTY HAS INFORMED US THAT FOR THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS A NUMBER OF PROMINENT WEST GERMAN WRITERS AND NEWSPAPER EDITORS HAVE CABLED THE KREMLIN ON BEHALF OF THE SOVIET WRITER. OUR PARLIAMENTARY SOURCE SAID THESE GERMANS INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, HEINRICH BOELL, COUNTESS DOENHOFF OF DIE ZEIT, IN ADDITION TO SOME MOSCOW BASED FRG CORRESPONDENTS. THESE GERMANS REPORTEDLY SAW THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL AND APPEALED TO SOVIET LEADERS TO PERMIT SOLZHENITSYN TO TRAVEL TO THE FRG IF THE ONLY OTHER ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE PRISON OR EXILE IN SIBERIA.  
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